

**Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES – November 9, 2016**

**I. Introductions** – Vickie Tinker, Jenn Wagaman, Jeanne Gerhardt Cyrus, Alex Edwards, Lakota Holman, Mike Jeffery, Teri Tibbett.

**II. Approval of Agenda.** Approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes from 10.12.16.** Approved.

**IV. Ad Hoc Workgroup Update**

The workgroup is finishing discussion on list of recommendations that will go out to the steering committee after the next meeting. The workgroup meets every other Friday from 12-1pm. The next meeting is November 18.

**V. Member Updates**

Lakota – ANTHC is expanding their Behavioral Health Aide training, morphing toward a training center model. Currently they have a variety of training delivery models for certification, but the change will mean an on-site training center on ANTHC campus in Anchorage. The center will serve rural service providers for all health aides, including dental and behavioral health. They're looking at providing training for certification and continuing education credits. There could be a mechanism for using their delivery system for FASD trainings. For anyone wanting to provide a training through their delivery system, there is a form to fill out outlining the course to see if it meets their requirements, for example, certification requires 8-hour courses and 2-hour courses serve other purposes. Must go through board approval.

Mike J. and Terri Telkamp (both in Barrow/ are working with Glenn Sheehan, the Community Health Aid Program director for the North Slope Borough, to provide the Alaska FASD 101 course to health aides on the North Slope. Glenn said they would need approval from the Community Health Aid Program Certification Board to make sure the health aides could get credit for their required education hours. When Mike was in Anchorage a few days later, he took the FASD 101 notebook to the ANTHC offices near Alaska Native Medical Center and talked to Ella Gonzales, the Program Administrator for the health aide training program, and gave her a hard copy, which she scanned the into her database, and forwarded to two boards for approval. Approval was granted for three years January 2016 through January 2019, for Mike and Terri to provide the training for health aide certification. Others wishing to offer the training would need to be separately approved. At this point, Mike and Terri have presented FASD 101 in Barrow once, with about nine people attending in person, including three visiting nursing students from Minnesota, and 13 health aides and staff from five villages, via the VTC network. Mike also report the new judge in Barrow is on leave for several months, and so the court system has recalled Mike, who is working part time for them. Since he left being a judge, he's been to so many trainings, that now he's in a position to use that information. He will receive a Denali Award, for non-Natives who have done sustained service to the community.

Jeanne is in Minnesota attending the MOFAS conference. She was especially impressed with the focus of finding strengths in people with FASD, seeking out people with FASD and including them, and other efforts related to see youth with FASD taking charge and leading. She talked with executive director of MOFAS about starting an Alaska NOFAS chapter. Jeanne also reported her daughter Ivory (who has an FASD) receiving an award from the YWCA, which was a positive event, and included getting her hair done, reading her bio to audience, honoring her and four others who had lived through abuse and other challenges, receiving flowers, and a \$500 check. When asked what was the best thing about it the ceremony, Ivory said "making new friends." The recognition was powerful, Jeanne said.

Alex reported that the CDC is currently working on reviewing an online course “FASD Primer for Healthcare Professionals” that was developed by a workgroup from the six FASD Practice and Implementation Centers across the country. (The Center for Behavioral Health Research & Services at UAA has one of these FASD PICs, and is focusing on prevention of alcohol exposed pregnancies and training nurses in this area.) This should be live sometime in December. The next online course, “Prevention of Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies” was developed by the same group and is also going through CDC’s approval process. Next they are considering a course that will address screening and diagnosis for FASD. Alex will be on maternity leave starting in February. She may or may not be able to send a replacement to represent UAA on the Partnership steering team.

Alex reported that the CDC is currently working on reviewing an online course the Arctic FASD Regional Training Center at UAA has developed, an Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Health Care Professionals project. Previously the center completed a FASD primer for health care professionals, which made it through the CDC approval process, and will now go through the steps to make it live—probably this month or December. Next they are considering a course that will address screening and diagnosis for FASD. Alex will be on maternity leave in January. She will look into sending a replacement to represent UAA on the Partnership steering team.

Teri reported on the state efforts to address FASD within Medicaid reform and criminal justice reform. Workgroups around the state are addressing the 1115 waiver as a way to provide behavioral health services to people who are currently falling through the cracks, including people with FASD. DOC is working with DHSS and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to find ways to identify people with FASD and other disabilities within the system and provide appropriate supports during the pretrial process (diversion programs, such as mental health court), during incarceration, and after release (reentry). She also reported a group of people on the Juneau FASD Workgroup are working to bring Kee Warner and some staff to Juneau in August 2017 to put on a Whitecrow Camp. She also reported that the pregnancy test in bars workgroup at UAA Institute of Circumpolar Studies is reviewing the data from the two-year study.

**VI. Recommend cancelling December meeting.** No objection.

**VII. Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 11, 2016**